

LEWIS FLETCHER HANGS

NEGRO PAYS DEATH PENALTY.

Lewis Fletcher, condemned to die for the murder of George Boyd, another Negro, was hanged yesterday morning on the gallows, the execution being made by Sheriff Wallace. Went to his doom without a show of fear or trepidation. Very slight tremor in his last utterance which was a prayer for the saving of his soul—Goodly number witnessed the hanging.

Facing the instrument of his death with nerve unshaken and practically without a tremor or a flinch, Lewis Fletcher paid the penalty yesterday morning for the murder of George Boyd in the Hopewell community one Sunday morning in September. The drop was made at 11:01 o'clock and at 11:15 the attending physicians pronounced that he was dead. The body was placed in a coffin and turned over to his relatives who took it back to Hopewell where the burial will be made to-day. Sheriff Wallace officiated at the execution, the making his fifth successful operation of the drop.

LARGE CROWD PRESENT.

A crowd with usual morbid curiosity gathered around the jail as early as 9 o'clock yesterday morning and by 11 o'clock it had been swelled into the hundreds. Witnesses to the execution numbered between 50 and 75, these being admitted largely by cards issued by Sheriff Wallace. The crowd outside gave evidence of little sympathetic interest in the doomed negro, rather it seemed to have gathered to satisfy a curiosity which craves the sight of death or tragedy in any of its multifarious features. Various peoples were there, and men, women and children of varying ages and conditions in life. The death-drop was performed at the head of stairs within the jail and within the hearing of numerous other prisoners who in the evening joined in the sentiment which for the moment swirled by.

ASCENDS THE GALLOW.

The prisoner was taken from his cell and brought out into the open hall at 10:52 by Sheriff Wallace. He ascended the scaffold leading to the gallows and both were calm and undisturbed by the approaching tragedy. Several colored ministers accompanied them from the cell and one of more deputies. As Fletcher reached the platform he began to chant in a voice that sounded no fear: "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand And cast a wistful eye."

THE DROP FALLS.

After Sheriff Wallace had adjusted the rope and was ready for the execution he motioned to Rev. F. F. Lewis, pastor of one of the local colored Baptist churches, who stepped forward, and while the little crowd within the hall stood huddled in the shadow of impending death, he uttered an earnest prayer in behalf of the soul of the condemned negro. Then followed a hush and a stillness as of death itself. No one moved; every voice was silenced, and every face was fixed for the final vision. At the hour named, 11:01 o'clock, Sheriff Wallace put his hand to the lever and the negro plunged to the length of the rope, and in a moment for 19 minutes, Dr. C. S. McLaughlin, E. C. Boyette, J. E. S. Davidson, C. M. Crowell and William Pethel were present in an official capacity and pronounced the death man after he had remained suspended for 14 minutes. Four minutes more elapsed before his body could be taken down and placed in the coffin and then given back to his friends and relatives.

FLETCHER'S LAST HOURS.

Fletcher met his fate like a man. Asked in the morning how he had spent his last night, he replied that he slept well and was altogether comfortable. His father remained with him all day Thursday and comforted him in his last hours as best as he could. Fletcher ate a hearty breakfast that was more liberally provided than others he had been afforded. He beheld as soon as he arose from his chambers to implore heavenly help in his last earthly moments and five times within his cell before being taken to the scaffold he made fervent petitions to the Master to receive his soul to the Father. The following named colored ministers of the city attended him during his last hours and ministered to him in spiritual things: Revs. J. R. Cozart, of the Ebenezer Baptist church; F. F. Lewis, of the First Baptist church; J. E. Williams, of the Mount Zion Methodist church, to which Fletcher belonged; T. J. Flynn, of the Congregational church; J. T. Wurtz, another Baptist minister, and John E. Walker, of the colored M. C. A., who is one of the most respected of the colored men of the city. Walker led in all the singing which marked the services prior to Fletcher's death.

PRISONERS JOIN IN.

Among the hymns sung were: "I'm Going Home," "I'm Thine, O Lord," "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." As the little company of friendly spirits burst forth in these songs the prisoners in the jail joined in and swelled the volume of sound. Several of the witnesses, moved by the uncanniness of the situation and a feeling of sympathy for the doomed negro, almost unconsciously hummed the several songs and, instead of singing, a few of the prisoners, among them two charged with murder, whistled in token of their feeling of interest and awe and solemnity. Fletcher was a young negro, 23 years of age, with few traces of the appearance of a criminal, although his reputation had been none the best in the community in which he lived. The story of his crime is short. He held a grievance against George Boyd, an older negro in the same vicinity, and meeting him in a little path one Sunday morning in September, he shot him down. There were no witnesses to the tragedy, but those who went on the stand to testify in behalf of the dead man made out a pretty strong case of first degree murder against him. A verdict for such was shortly returned by the jury and sentence was passed by Judge M. H. Justice. No hope for a reprieve or commutation of the sentence was ever held out by the court or the negro's attorneys, Messrs. Shambouse and Jones, and he was informed.

MECKLENBURG HUNTING LAW.

Season Opens December 1st and Remains Open Until January 10th—The Law on the Subject.

Mecklenburg's hunting season opens December 1st, hardly more than a week away, and the annual stir of the hunters in making their preparations is noticeable. The strict protection which has been thrown around the birds in this county in recent years has had the effect of increasing their numbers and it is said that quail this season are plentiful in spite of the August flood. The hunters are anticipating a lively time between the dates within which the law allows them the liberty of scouring the fields in search of game.

The Audubon Society in North Carolina and in this county has been especially vigilant in looking after its interests. A game warden was scheduled to go to the fields yesterday for the purpose of looking for violators of the law, and it is already agreed that they shall be prosecuted to the full extent of the law if detected. In addition to this special warden, every constable in the county acts in this capacity.

The following is the text of the game law in this county: An act to protect game in Mecklenburg county. Section 1—That it shall be unlawful for any person to trap, take, catch, shoot or kill in any manner, destroy any quail or partridges between the 10th day of January and the 1st day of December in any year.

Section 2—That it shall be unlawful for any person to hunt any game upon the lands of another person without permission of the land owner, and if any person shall go upon the lands of another with a gun it shall be prima facie evidence that such person is hunting within the meaning of this section.

Section 3—That it shall be unlawful for any person to sell or offer for sale any quail or partridges between the 10th day of January and the 1st day of December of any year and the possession of any quail or partridges between the said 10th day of January and the 1st day of December of any year by any person shall be prima facie evidence of the violation of this section.

Section 4—That it shall be unlawful for any person to net any quail or partridge. Section 5—That each township constable be and is hereby constituted a game warden as provided by the laws of North Carolina.

Section 6—That any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined not more than \$50 or imprisoned not more than thirty days.

Section 7—That this act shall apply only to the county of Mecklenburg. Section 8—That all laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed. Section 9—That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

THREE GREAT TEACHERS.

DRS. FARR, DOBYSN AND WHITE COMING TO LAYMEN'S INTERNATIONAL BIBLE CONFERENCE.

Rev. Dr. F. W. Farr, pastor of Bethlehem Baptist church, Philadelphia, has been one of the most largely used preachers in the great Baptist revival which has just swept the City of Louisville, Ky. I have spoken sometimes five times a day in that city to a gentleman in Charlotte, in regard to the teaching work which he is to do in the great laymen's international Bible conference to be held in this city from November 23rd to December 6th.

Dr. Farr is the peer of any Bible teacher in America to-day. Along with Dr. Farr the conference is to have the privilege of hearing Rev. Dr. W. R. Dobyns, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of St. Joseph, Mo., who is already well-known and loved in this city. Although he did not accept the call to the Second Presbyterian church in this city, all who heard him remember the great spiritual uplift that was felt in the church at both the services he conducted when he came here with the call under advisement. No preacher in the Southern Presbyterian Church perhaps has done such a work.

Dr. J. W. White, of New York, who spoke so acceptably in the First Presbyterian church recently, may be here for one day during the conference, as he passes through the city that week on his way to Atlanta, where he has been recalled, so greatly was that city pleased with his recent Bible teaching there.

With such men as these the people of Charlotte and this section of the State will have a rare treat in the way of Bible teaching.

"Theology For the People."

In writing a number of copies of Rev. A. R. Shaw's book, "Theology For the People," a missionary in Japan says: "I wish to give the book to students of our seminary who read English. I feel sure it will be a great help to them and a blessing to the church here. You have discussed the main topics so simply yet strongly that Japanese students can understand it."

A few days ago, a good Methodist sister in Charlotte sent Rev. A. R. Shaw a fine turkey for Thanksgiving Day. Mr. Shaw says that when it comes to passing on the quality of turkey meat he is up-to-date authority, and testifies as follows: "Epicure is good; Presbyterian turkey is good; and Methodist turkey is as good as any."

Mr. Tompkins to Spartanburg, S. C. Messrs. D. A. Tompkins and W. S. Lee left yesterday morning for Spartanburg, S. C., where last night they attended the elaborate banquet given there celebrating the coming of the Carolina, Chesapeake & Ohio Railroad to that city. They joined the party of which President W. W. Finley and other Southern Railway officials were members on No. 37. At the banquet tonight were responded to by prominent South Carolinians, visiting railroad officials and other distinguished personages.

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THE TRAIN BROKE IN TWO.

An Interesting Answer to Prayer in Mr. Galloway's Experience—He Speaks Three Times Sunday.

"A man who prays things through is Mr. Jabez Galloway who is coming to Charlotte for several addresses tomorrow," said a gentleman yesterday who knows him. Mr. Galloway is being brought to the city by the Y. M. C. A. to make the talk to young men to-morrow afternoon at 5 o'clock. Rev. E. L. Bain and Rev. H. K. Boyer, being absent at Conference, availed themselves of the opportunity to have Mr. Galloway speak in the Trinity Methodist church to-morrow at 11 a. m. and at Tryon Street Methodist church to-morrow at 7:30 p. m.

Mr. Galloway is a resident of Toronto, Canada, and is a leading layman in the Methodist Church of his city. He was for many years interesting and deeply spiritual speaker and Bible teacher.

On one occasion Mr. Galloway was traveling to a certain point in Canada where he had a vitally important appointment. He was told after boarding his train by a conductor who was either drinking or of a brutal disposition that the train would not stop at the point to which Mr. Galloway was going. With silent prayer Mr. Galloway settled himself and said nothing more.

While the train was speeding through the small village which was his destination, the coupling arrangement between his car and the one in front broke, and the fore part of the train speeded forward, while he stepped out on the platform of the depot where he wished to be.

An accident, of course. But was it merely an accident? Mr. Galloway comes here from Rock Hill, S. C., where he is visiting Rev. J. K. Coffey, one of the Presbyterian ministers there and his son-in-law.

Nothing Personal Intended. Rev. A. R. Shaw, pastor of the Tenth Avenue Presbyterian church, will preach to-morrow morning on "Debt Paying." A few years ago the Presbyterian Committee of Publication.

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